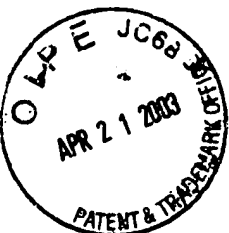


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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement mailed March 19, 2003, Applicants provisionally elect Species I (Figures 2-6, 12 and 13) with traverse. The Examiner required Applicants to elect between Species I (Figures 2-6, 12 and 13), Species II (Figures 7 and 7a), Species III (Figure 8), Species IV (Figure 9), Species V (Figures 10 and 10b), and Species VI (Figure 11).

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At present, at least Claims 1-3, 18-22 and 26-28 appear to be generic, whilst at least Claims 1-8 and 11-28 appear to be readable on the elected species.

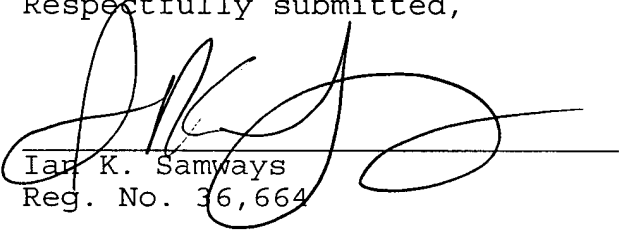
Applicants respectfully suggest that the Examiner will not be required to make an additional search in considering the inventions described in the currently pending claims. MPEP § 803, in relevant part, states that:

"[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner >must<** examine it on the merits..**"

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the Election Requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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